

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

January 9, 2003

MINUTES

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments held its meeting at SCAG Offices downtown offices. The meeting was called to order by President Hal Bernson, City of Los Angeles.

Members Present

Councilmember Hal Bernson, Los Angeles,	President	District 59
Mayor Bev Perry, Brea	1 st Vice President	District 22
Supervisor Charles Smith, Orange County	2 nd Vice President	
Supervisor Paul Biane, San Bernardino County		
Supervisor Yvonne Burke, Los Angeles County		
Supervisor Hank Kuiper, Imperial County		
Councilmember Jo Shields, Brawley		District 1
Councilmember Charles White, Moreno		District 3
Mayor Ron Roberts, Temecula		District 5
Councilmember Deborah Robertson, Rialto		District 8
Mayor Bill Alexander, Rancho Cucamonga		District 9
Councilmember Gary Ovitt, Ontario		District 10
Mayor Lawrence Dale, Barstow		District 11
Councilmember Tod Ridgeway, Newport Beach		District 14
Councilmember Alta Duke, La Palma		District 18
Councilmember Shirley McCracken, Anaheim		District 19
Councilmember Ron Bates, Los Alamitos		District 20
Councilmember Art Brown, Buena Park		District 21
Mayor Bruce Barrows, Cerritos		District 23
Councilmember Gene Daniels, Paramount		District 24
Councilmember Keith McCarthy, Downey		District 25
Councilmember Melanie Andrews, Compton		District 26
Councilmember George Bass, Bell		District 27
Councilmember Judy Dunlap, Inglewood		District 28
Councilmember Bonnie Lowenthal, Long Beach		District 29
Councilmember Tonia Reyes-Uranga, Long Beach		District 30
Mayor Pro Tem Bea Proo, Pico Rivera		District 31
Councilmember Dick Stanford, Azusa		District 33
Councilmember Paul Talbot, Alhambra		District 34
Councilmember Harry Baldwin, San Gabriel		District 35

Members Present – Cont’d

Councilmember Sid Tyler, Pasadena	District 36
Councilmember Karen Rosenthal, Claremont	District 38
Councilmember Ken Blackwood, Lomita	District 39
Mayor Pro Tem Sandra Jacobs, El Segundo	District 40
Councilmember Pam O’Connor, Santa Monica	District 41
Councilmember Bob Yousefian, Glendale	District 42
Councilmember Mike Dispenza, Palmdale	District 43
Councilmember Dennis Washburn, Calabasas	District 44
Mayor Toni Young, Port Hueneme	District 45
Councilmember Glen Becerra, Simi Valley	District 46
Councilmember Carl Morehouse, San Buenaventura	District 47
Councilmember Ruth Galanter, Los Angeles	District 58
Mayor Debbie Cook, Huntington Beach	District 64

Members Not Present

Supervisor Bob Buster, Riverside County	
Supervisor Judy Mikels, Ventura County	
Councilmember Greg Pettis, Cathedral City	District 2
Mayor Ron Loveridge, Riverside	District 4
Councilmember Lee Ann Garcia, Grand Terrace	District 6
Mayor Susan Longville, San Bernardino	District 7
Councilmember Cathryn De Young, Laguna Nigel	District 12
Mayor Richard Dixon, Lake Forest	District 13
Councilmember Lou Bone, Tustin	District 17
Councilmember Robert Bruesch, Rosemead	District 32
Councilmember Tom Sykes, Walnut	District 37
Mayor James Hahn, Los Angeles	At-Large
Councilmember Ed Reyes, Los Angeles	District 48
Councilmember Wendy Greuel, Los Angeles	District 49
Councilmember Dennis Zine, Los Angeles	District 50
Councilmember Tom LaBonge, Los Angeles	District 51
Councilmember Jack Weiss, Los Angeles	District 52
Councilmember Alex Padilla, Los Angeles	District 54
Councilmember Jan Perry, Los Angeles	District 56
Councilmember Nate Holden, Los Angeles	District 57
Councilmember Cindy Miscikowski, Los Angeles	District 58
Councilmember Eric Garcetti, Los Angeles	District 60
Councilmember Nick Pacheco, Los Angeles	District 61
Councilmember Janice Hahn, Los Angeles	District 62
Councilmember Jeff Miller, Corona	District 63
Councilmember Robin Lowe, Hemet	RCTC
Mayor Bill Davis, Simi Valley	VCTC

Staff Present

Mark Pisano, Executive Director
Jim Gosnell, Deputy Executive Director
Colin Lennard, General Counsel
Bert Becker, Chief Financial Officer
John Cox, Director, Planning & Assessment
Hasan Ikrata, Acting Director, Planning & Policy
Jim Sims, Director, Information Services
Shelia Stewart, Executive Assistant

1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments presented at this time.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

The following consent calendar items were MOVED (Bass), SECONDED (Proo) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

3.1.1 Approve Minutes of Dec 5, 2002

3.1.2 Contracts

- Parsons Brinkerhoff
- The C2 Group

3.1.3 Sponsorship Request for the Western States Freight Summit

3.1.4 AMPO 2002-2003 Membership Dues

3.1.5 Approve SCAG Concurrence Designated Recipients of FTA Urbanized Area Formula funds for Census 2002 Newly Identified Urbanized Area over 200,000 in population in the SCAG Region

3.1.6 FY 2002-2003 NARC Membership Dues Held over

3.2 Receive & File

3.2.1 Purchase Orders \$5,000 -\$25,000 (Info Only)

- Compaq Computer
- Sodexo Marriott Services

3.2.2 Conflict of Interest Listing – (Info Only)

3.3 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Regional Council Members

Hon. Debbie Cook, representing District # 64, Huntington Beach

Committee Officers

Hon. Sid Tyler, Pasadena, Vice Chair, Administration Committee

Regional Council Members to Policy Committees

To TCC: Hon. Paul Biane, San Bernardino County
Hon. Jeff Miller, Corona
Hon. Tonia Reyes Uranga, Long Beach

Subregional Representatives to Policy Committees

From SANBAG: Hon. Ted Burgnon, Apple Valley to CEHD

Audit / Best Practices Oversight Committee (recently merged)

Hon. Ron Bates, Los Alamitos
Hon. Bob Buster, Riverside County
Hon. Lee Ann Garcia, Grand Terrace
Hon. Bea Proo, Pico Rivera
Hon. Karen Rosenthal, Claremont
Hon. Dick Stanford, Azusa
Hon. Sid Tyler, Pasadena
Hon. Charles White, Moreno Valley

Aviation Task Force

Hon. Paul Biane, San Bernardino County

Growth Visioning Subcommittee

Hon. Bruce Barrows, Cerritos

Highway and Transportation Task Force

Hon. Ted Burgnon, Apple Valley

Personnel Committee

Hon. Robin Lowe, RCTC

Water Policy Task Force

Hon. Keith McCarthy, Downey
Hon. John McTaggart, Rancho Palos Verdes

3.3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mark Pisano reported that the FY 2003-04 draft Overall Work Program (OWP) is required to be submitted to Caltrans by March 1, 2003. The RC will get a progress report in February.

Mr. Pisano also stated that achieving full funding of the FY 2003 federal transportation appropriations cycle and successfully re-authorizing the federal

transportation program known as TEA-21 remain a legislative priority and the focus of SCAG's legislative strategies. In conjunction with the region's transportation commissions, SCAG has undertaken a legislative initiative to enhance Southern California's prospects on current and future funding opportunities. The approach incorporates a formal regional priority projects list and an overall advocacy strategy utilizing existing legislative resources and commission support.

He noted a few of the activities underway during the month of January that includes: 1) Hosting a local press conference with Congresswoman Gary Miller to emphasize the necessity and importance of maintaining transportation funding levels for the region in both the final appropriations cycle of TEA-21 & TEA-3; 2) Sending a letter from the Regional Council to the Congressional Delegation on TEA-21 funding; and 3) Coordinating a trip to Washington, D.C. to brief Congressional members regarding the region's transportation funding priorities as well as soliciting their advice for moving SCAG's initiatives through the legislative process.

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

4.1 Administration Committee Report

4.1.1 Approve FY 02-03 Indirect Cost Budget & Update of Budget Amendment #1

It was MOVED (Tyler), SECONDED (Bates) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

4.1.2 SCAG 2003 Legislative Program

The Administration Committee recommended approval of the 2003 Legislative Program with the following amendments:

- Page 49, Housing and Land Use, 1st bullet – Add: “If this does not occur, we should seek legislation to suspend the mandate until such funding is available”.

Councilmember Young stated that she had no problems with the language however she felt that it should not be included as part the Legislative Program at this time and recommended that it be deleted. There were no objections. The amendment will not be included as part of the Program..

- Page 50, Solid Waste, 1st bullet – should read: “Support legislation that removes any impediments to transformation or conversion technologies relating to solid waste”.
- Page 50, Water, Add Bullet: “Track the 4.4 plan and its implementation”.
- Include an analysis/review of what took place during the legislative year with a comparison to the state and federal level.

It was MOVED (Brown), SECONDED (Barrows) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to approve the 2003 Legislative Program with amendments.

- 4.1.3 Service Agreement with the Antelope Valley Transit Authority
Held over.

4.2 **Transportation & Communications Committee (TCC) Report**

4.2.1 Proposed Revisions to 2001 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Goals

Mayor Roberts, Chair, stated that a set of proposed revised goals to guide the development of the 2004 Regional Transportation Plan were drafted for approval. The TCC recommended approval of the proposed revisions as presented. The proposed revisions are as follows: 1) Maximize mobility and accessibility for all people and goods in the region; 2) Ensure travel safety and reliability for all people and goods in the region; 3) Preserve and ensure sustainable regional transportation system; 4) Maximize the productivity of our transportation system; 5) Protect the environment, improve air quality and promote energy efficiency and; and 6) Encourage land use and growth patterns that complement our transportation investments.

It was MOVED (Roberts), SECONDED (Brown) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to approve the proposed revisions.

4.2.2 Baseline Definition for 2004 RTP and Second Tier List of Regionally Significant Projects to be Grandfathered into the 2004 RTP

The TCC recommended that the Regional Council approved the RTP Baseline Definition and also adopt a Second Tier list of regionally significant projects (Primarily 2002 RTIP Build) that should be grandfathered into the 2004 RTP at the request of the County Transportation Commissions (CTCs).

It was MOVED (Roberts), SECONDED (Brown) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to approve the recommendation.

4.2.3 Transportation Funding Shortfall

Transportation revenues will decline substantially in the near term due to the State General Fund deficit and more recent projections of the State Highway Account (SHA) cash balance. SCAG staff will continue to monitor and assess the fiscal impact of State budgetary actions – particularly, the Governor's FY2004 State Budget Proposal due to be released on January 10, 2003.

The Governor's Mid-Year Spending Reduction Proposal could potentially mean a nearly \$1 billion transportation funding loss for the SCAG Region through FY2004. Assuming the complete suspension of General Fund payments to transportation from FY2003 through FY2009, the SCAG Region could potentially lose over \$4 billion. Additionally, Caltrans' projected State Highway Account

shortfall could mean that the SCAG region would lose another ~\$1.7 billion. In total, the SCAG region could potentially lose nearly \$6 billion through FY2009.

Moreover, Congress has yet to enact the FY2003 Transportation Appropriations Bill. The State of California stands to lose \$270 million compared to FY2002 levels if in fact the final obligation limitation is set at \$27.7 billion as currently proposed by the House of Representatives. This is an information item.

4.3 **Energy & Environment Committee (EEC) Report**

4.3.1 **Product Stewardship Principles** **Sent back to EEC for further evaluation**

4.3.2 **TCM Appendix for 2003 SCAQMP**

SCAG is responsible for identifying the Transportation Control Measures (TCMs) in the 2003 South Coast Air Quality Management Plan (SCAQMP). SCAG staff is currently preparing the Transportation Control Measure (TCM) Appendix for the 2003 SCAQMP, which is based on the TCMs outlined in the 2001 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), and includes TCM-related projects from the first two years of the 2002 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP). Staff recommends that the EEC and RC approve the following TCM strategies for incorporation into the 2003 SCAQMP: 1) TCM-01A: High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Improvements; 2) TCM-01B: Transit/Systems Management; and 3) TCM-01C: Information Services. This TCM Appendix will be incorporated into the 2003 SCAQMP.

The Draft 2003 SCAQMP for the South Coast Air Basin (SCAB) is tentatively scheduled to be released the third week in January 2003. Public workshops are expected to be held in January, and adoption by the SCAQMD Board is expected to occur in the Spring of 2003.

It was MOVED (Brown), SECONDED (Washburn) with one OBJECTION (Yousefian) and APPROVED.

4.4 **Community, Economic & Human Development (CEHD)**

4.4.1 **Growth Vision Program**

Mayor Alexander, Chair, reported that one interim product of the Compass Project will be the development of two growth scenarios for the 2004 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The development of these growth scenarios and corresponding EIR/RTP Alternatives will be early milestones in the current effort to create a streamlined and integrated EIR and RTP. Eventually, the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will become the analysis document for the Regional Council to evaluate and select the alternative that will become the 2004 RTP. This was presented as an information item.

4.4.2 Technically Balanced Growth Projection

Huasha Liu, Manager, gave a brief overview on the Development of a Technically Balanced Growth Projection using Technical Criteria. She stated that the CEHD recommended the following:

- 1) The technical committee and staff should work together to develop a technically balanced growth projection in addition to the trend projection and local input. This will be forwarded together with the growth visioning alternatives for policy discussions.
It was MOVED (Alexander) SECONDED (Bass) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.
- 2) That staff work together with the technical committee to develop a set of evaluation criteria including the examples of criteria.
It was MOVED (Alexander), SECONDED (Bass) and UNANIMOUSLY
- 3) That the FTTF & CEHD have a joint workshop to further discuss some implications of the technical balanced growth projection.
It was MOVED (Alexander), SECONDED (Bass) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

In addition there are some issues related the land constraints and the general plan build out that will be discussed at the joint workshop.

4.4.3 Report on Redirecting Sprawl Within the Wall

Mayor Alexander stated that the report is intended to serve as a practical resource for entities interested in creating or encouraging the development of housing through reuse of existing structures. It is also a part of SCAG's larger effort to assist in the development of adequate housing supplies in the region. The CEHD recommended approval of the document.

It was MOVED (Alexander), SECONDED (Dispenza) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to approve the report.

4.4.4 Housing Gridlock in the Face of Growth: Fewer Choices/Higher Costs

It was MOVED (Alexander), SECONDED (Brown) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to approve the annual report.

4.4.5 Report on : Economic Forecast Conference and Regional Housing Summit

There was no report presented at this time.

4.5 Communications Committee Report

Councilmember Proo, Chair, stated that the Communications Committee discussed the following: 1) SCAG's approach to public outreach, particularly in terms of the various programs' outreach requirements and expectations in this time of shrinking resources; 2) The Growth Visioning, RTP and its EIR, Maglev, Aviation, and Air Quality programs and the need to have the outreach components coordinated; and 3) The RTP not having a communications/outreach budget; and 4) Maximizing the use of funds for outreach and staff resources as well as ensuring that SCAG speaks with a consistent and common voice that identifies a well-known image

She also reported that staff is developing a coordinated, integrated strategy for public outreach and communication that will be covered in our Strategic Communication Plan.

5.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Monthly Financial Report

Presented as part of the Administration Report.

6.0 COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments presented at this time.

7.0 LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

7.1 Closed Session

No closed session at this time.

- Pursuant to California Government Code Section
§54956.9(a) **SCAG v. HCD & BT&H**

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 6, 2003 at SCAG Offices.

Mark Pisano, Executive Director